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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 June 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in that it fails to point out what is included or excluded by the claim language.

This claim is an omnibus type claim.

3. Claim 1 recites the limitation "said digital signature" in limitation "f". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

4. Claim 4 recites the limitation "a digital signature" in limitation "g". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claim 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dulude (U.S. Patent No. 6,310,966).

7. Referring to the instant claims, Dulude discloses biometric certificates (see title and Fig.2). Dulude teaches that biometric identification is combined with digital certificates for electronic authentication as biometric certificates. The biometric certificates are managed through the use of a biometric certificate management system. Biometric certificates may be used in any electronic transaction, requiring authentication of the participants. Biometric data is pre-stored in a biometric database of the biometric certificate management system by receiving data corresponding to physical characteristics of registered users through a biometric input device. Subsequent transactions to be conducted over a network have digital signatures generated from the physical characteristics of a current user and from the electronic transaction. The electronic transaction is authenticated by comparison of hash values in the digital signature with re-created hash values. The user is authenticated by comparison against the pre-stored biometric certificates of the physical characteristics of users in the biometric database (see abstract).

8. Referring to the independent claim 1, the limitation "sampling one or more biometric of a person and converting the biometric sample to a digital form" is met by biometric data collected by the input device 26 (in Fig.30 and converted into the digital form as a part of the digital certificate (38). The limitation " producing a first digital seal from the combination of the digital data packet(s) and the biometric sample(s) ... " is met by combining the user input with biometric data within the biometric certificate generator (see Fig.3). It is also shown in Fig 2., wherein the N bits of biometric data are combine with other data of the certificate sent as data packet sent over the network (see

58 in Fig.4). The limitation "sending the digital data packet(s) and the biometric sample(s) and the digital seal to the recipient " is met by units 46 and 58 (in Fig. 4). The limitation "producing a second digital seal form the combination of received digital data packets and the received biometric sample(s); comparing the first and second seals" is met by Fig. 5. Dulude shows producing first (80) and second (84) classifiers base on the digital signature and the biometric certificate. The classifiers are compared with hash values (see column 7, lines 15-20). The limitation "approving the authentication of the digital signature" is met by validation signal (90 in Fig. 5).

9. Referring to claims 2 and 5, Dulude teaches encryption/decryption of the digital data packet containing the biometric data (see Figs. 4 and 5).

10. Referring to claim 3 and 8, Dulude teaches using the public and private key for encryption (see Fig.5, units 70 and 74).

11. Referring to claim 4, Dulude teaches the use of the database for storing biometric data (see 66 in Fig.5). The limitation "generating a digital ID associated with the session" is met by Fig. 2 (see issuer ID associated with this user session).

12. Referring to claim 7, Dulude show the use of the hush function for producing the digital signature (see 52 in Fig.4).

13. Referring to claim 9, it is inherent to use the biometric samples chosen from fingerprints, voice, speech, face, retina, iris, handwritten signature, hand geometry, veins.

14. Referring to claim 10, Dulude teaches sending the data over the network (see 50 in Fig.40).

15. Claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lambert (U.S. Patent No. 6,193,153 B1).

16. Referring to the instant claims, Lambert discloses a method for non-intrusive biometric capture (see abstract). Lambert teaches a computer peripheral device for providing a computer system with user input data and user biometric data includes an event sensing portion for detecting a user action and for converting the user input into a data first stream, the user action of a type appropriate for the computer peripheral device, a biometric acquisition portion for acquiring biometric data from the user at substantially a same time the event sensing portion detects the user action (see abstract and Fig.1).

17. Referring to the independent claim 11, the limitation "a computerized server for managing the signing process, the server being connected to a network via network connection means" is met by the server (100) connected to the network via network interface (140) – see fig. 1. The limitation "a database system for storing ... biometric templates" is met by the file of hand data (see unit 270 in Fig. 2A). The limitation "one or more client terminals for managing the signing process ... coupled with means for carrying out biometric samples, and connected to the network" is met by the unit 130 and other terminals connected to the network (see Fig.1). The limitation "a software component at the clients terminal for producing a template of a biometric sample" is met by blocks 580, 590, 600 and 610 in Fig. 4. The limitation "comparing digital seals"

is met by user record being compared to a database of previously recorded biometric data (see column 13, lines 9-13 and step 930 in Fig.6).

18. Referring to claim 12, Lambert teaches the means for encryption and decryption of data residing on the server and the client terminals – see unit 530 in Fig. 4, which encrypts the biometric data (see column 10, lines 45-50).

19. Referring to claim 13, Lambert teaches that client's terminal is a computer (see Fig. 1).

Conclusion

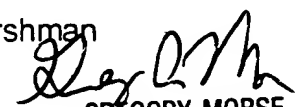
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Grigory Gurshman whose telephone number is (703) 306-2900. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (703) 305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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